

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 10-16 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 7, 13 and 14 are amended. These amendments incorporate the feature recited in claims 3 and 9 into independent claims 1, 7, 13 and 14. No new matter is added. Claims 3 and 9 are canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter that each of these claims recites. Reconsideration of the application based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 because the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration as the amendments incorporate the features recited in claims 3 and 9 into independent claims 1, 7, 13 and 14; and (c) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to arguments raised in the final rejection. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,801,334 to Enomoto in combination with U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0076521 to Li et al. (hereinafter "Li"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The combination of Enomoto with Li would not have suggested the combinations of the features recited in claims 1, 7, 13 and 15 for at least the following reasons.

The Office Action concedes that Enomoto does not teach a function for placing an inquiry with said image rendering means as to whether a predetermined image rendering command is not executable by said image rendering means. The Office Action asserts that Li remedies this shortfall of Enomoto.

Claims 1 and 7 recite, among other features, an analysis means for analyzing a document described in a structured tag language, and extracting therefrom objects constituting an image. Claims 13 and 14 recite similar features as method steps.

The Office Action asserts that Enomoto teaches these features at col. 2, lines 22-32. However, Enomoto teaches that "[t]he above-described image processing system is structured so that the data of an original image is temporarily stored in a memory." Thus, Enomoto teaches the image processing system being structured. Enomoto would not have suggested a structured tag language. Moreover, Enomoto teaches that the original image is then subjected to an image processing in accordance with the contents (whether or not each type of image data processing is executed and the processing conditions of executed image data processings) of the processing previously determined on the basis of the results of analysis of the contents of the image. Thus, Enomoto teaches the contents being "whether or not each type of image data processing is executed." Enomoto teaches at, *e.g.* col. 1, line 64 - col. 2, line 18 types of image processing include gradation conversion, color conversion, a hyper-tone processing, hyper-sharpness processing, processing to correct distortions in the original image caused by distortion aberrations in the lens, processing to correct color misregistration with the original image caused by color aberrations from the lens magnification, image processing to intentionally change the image tone and an image processing to process an image, for example, an image processing to slenderize in the main image a person appearing in the original image. However, none of these types of image processing disclosed by Enomoto can reasonably be considered to have suggested analyzing a document described in a structured tag language, as recited in claims 1, 7, 13 and 14.

Claims 4 and 10 recite, among other features, an image rendering command or object relating to interactive input/output. Claims 5 and 11 recite, among other features, an image

rendering command or object used in an image rendering of an input form. Thus, claims 4 and 5 disclose, for example, the command for rendering an "OK button" on a web page.

The Office Action asserts that Enomoto teaches these features at col. 29, lines 34-42. However, Enomoto teaches "[t]he image processor 140 according to the third and fourth embodiments is connected to the input/output controller 134." Enomoto teaches the input/output controller is a unit (see, *e.g.*, Fig. 3) not a command or object. Therefore, the input/output controller 134 of Enomoto cannot reasonably be considered to have suggested an image rendering command or object.

Claims 6 and 12 recite, among other features, said image rendering means inform said information processing device of an image rendering command or object that can be used by said image rendering means in response to an inquiry from said information processing device.

The Office Action asserts that Enomoto teaches these features at col. 7, lines 7-15. However, Enomoto merely teaches that the present invention enables an index print having a plurality of images disposed in such a way that the completed main image of each of the images can easily be recognized. Thus, Enomoto teaches a correspondence between index prints and images. Enomoto would not have suggested said image rendering means inform said information processing device of an image rendering command or object that can be used by said image rendering.

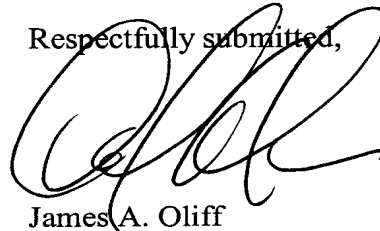
In view of the above, the combination of Enomoto with Li cannot reasonably be considered to have suggested the combinations of all of the features positively recited in claims 1, 4-6, 7, 10-13 and 14. Further, the combination of Enomoto with Li cannot reasonably be considered to have suggested the combinations of all of the features recited in claims 2, 8, 15 and 16 for at least the dependence of these claims on allowable base claims, as well as for the separately patentable subject matter that each of these claims recites.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 10-16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Enomoto in combination with Li are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 10-16 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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